

# Awards & Decorations



**Silver/Bronze Stars**  
The bronze star represents participation in campaigns or operations, multiple qualifications or an additional award to any of the various ribbons on which it is authorized. The silver star is worn in the same manner as the bronze star, but each silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars. When worn together on a single ribbon, the silver star(s) will be worn to the wearer's right of any bronze star(s).



**Silver/Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters**  
The bronze oak leaf cluster represents second and subsequent entitlements of awards. The silver oak leaf cluster represents sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters. Silver oak leaf clusters are worn to the wearer's right of the bronze oak leaf clusters on the same ribbon.



**Antarctica Service Medal Clasp (and disc)**  
The Antarctica Service Medal Clasp, bearing the words "Wintered Over," is only worn on the medal's suspension ribbon. The discs are authorized for people who stayed on the continent during winter months.



**Germany and Japan Clasps**



**Arctic Service Device**  
The "A" device, when worn with oak leaf clusters, is worn to the wearer's right of such clusters. The device is worn with the Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour and is authorized for people who completed a short tour north of the Arctic Circle.

**Arabic Numerals**  
Arabic numerals are worn on the Armed Forces Reserve medal to denote participation in additional contingencies.



**M Device**  
The "M" device is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to denote active duty status for at least one day during a contingency.



**Hourglass Device**  
The hourglass is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal in bronze for 10 years of service, silver for 20 years and gold for 30 years.



**Valor Devices and Clusters**  
The "V" device represents valor and does not denote an additional award. Only one may be worn on any ribbon. When worn on the same ribbon with clusters, is worn to the wearer's right of such clusters.



**Plane Device**  
The device is worn with the Army of Occupation Medal to denote service of 90 consecutive days in direct support of the Berlin Airlift (June 26, 1948, to Sept. 30, 1949).



**Arrowhead**  
The arrowhead denotes participation in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing or amphibious assault landing. The arrowhead points up and is worn to the wearer's right of any service stars.

\* Also awarded with gold, silver or bronze devices. The gold frame on the ribbon denotes a unit citation; without, an individual citation.

\*\* Gold border awarded to Airmen who participate in combat operations in a designated combat zone.

Source: Air Force Personnel Center



Medal of Honor



Air Force Cross



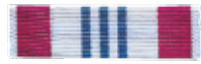
Defense Distinguished Service Medal



Distinguished Service Medal



Purple Heart



Defense Meritorious Service Medal



Meritorious Service Medal



Air Medal



Gallant Unit Citation



Joint Meritorious Unit Award



Meritorious Unit Award



Air Force Outstanding Unit Award



Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon



Air Force Recognition Ribbon



American Defense Service Medal



American Campaign Medal



Korean Service Medal



Antarctica Service Medal



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Korean Defense Service Medal



Armed Forces Service Medal



Humanitarian Service Medal



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



Air Force Recruiter Ribbon



Armed Forces Reserve Medal



USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon



USAF Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon



Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation



RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm\*



United Nations Service Medal



United Nations Medal



Silver Star



Defense Superior Service Medal



Legion of Merit



Distinguished Flying Cross



Airman's Medal



Bronze Star



Aerial Achievement Medal



Joint Service Commendation Medal



Air Force Commendation Medal



Joint Service Achievement Medal



Air Force Achievement Medal



Presidential Unit Citation



Air Force Organizational Excellence Award



Prisoner of War Medal



Combat Readiness Medal



Air Force Good Conduct Medal



Good Conduct Medal



Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal



Asian-Pacific Campaign Medal



Euro-African-Middle Eastern Campaign



World War II Victory Medal



Army Occupation Medal



Medal for Humane Action



National Defense Service Medal



Southwest Asia Service Medal



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Afghanistan Campaign Medal



Iraq Campaign Medal



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



Global War on Terrorism Service Medal



Air and Space Campaign Medal



Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour



Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long Tour



Air Expeditionary Service Ribbon \*\*



Air Force Longevity Service Award



Air Force Basic Military Training Instructor Ribbon



Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon



Air Force Training Ribbon



Philippine Defense Ribbon



Philippine Liberation Ribbon



Philippine Independence Ribbon



Philippine Presidential Unit Citation



NATO Medal (Former Republic of Yugoslavia)



NATO Medal for Kosovo



Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal



Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait



Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal

## Civilian Awards



Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service



Air Force Civilian Award for Valor



Air Force Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award



Air Force Meritorious Civilian Service Award



Command Civilian Award for Valor



Air Force Exemplary Civilian Service Award



Air Force Civilian Achievement Award